

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

JEFFREY W. MOEHLENBRUCK  
JOHN P. RANIERI

Serial No.: 10/812,268

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For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR  
TREATING INTERVERTEBRAL DISC  
DEGENERATION

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Examiner: Marsha M. Tsay

Group Art Unit: 1656

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**CUSTOMER NO. 45488**

**EXAMINER INTERVIEW SUMMARY**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

On April 24, 2008, the undersigned and Examiner Marsha M. Tsay participated in a teleconference regarding the finality of the Office Action issued on March 28, 2008. The undersigned expressed his opinion that the finality was improper because the reference to Matsuzaki had not previously been applied as prior art against the application. Examiner Tsay agreed and indicated she would issue a new non-final Office Action.

Respectfully submitted,

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